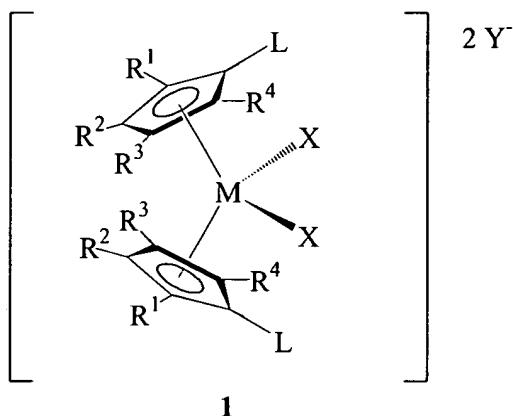


## ABSTRACT

The invention provides metallocene compounds of formula 1 for use as medicaments in the treatment of cancer.



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wherein  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  represent a combination of H, alkyl, aryl or trimethylsilyl;

$L$  represents side chain substituents, at least one of which contains a group which

enables the compound to become water-solubilised;  $X$  is halo, alkoxy, acetate or

$H_2O$ ;  $Y$  is a counter-ion;  $M$  is a metal; and  $n = 1$  or  $2$ . The invention also provides

- 10 novel compounds of the formula 1 wherein at least one of the groups  $L$  comprises a quaternary tetraalkylammonium group. The compounds have been shown to have significantly greater activity in the treatment of cancer than the compounds known from the prior art.

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